

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program

**Public Notice  
Of Application for Water Quality Certification**

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Board) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple RWQCB jurisdictions. The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

**Applicant:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Office

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**Project Name:** US Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Los Angeles District (LAD) Proposal for Regional General Permit (RGP) No. 63 for Emergency Situations (Corps File Number 995007000-BAH)

**Affected Region:** In any jurisdictional waters of the United States throughout the Los Angeles District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including the coastal drainages of San Luis Obispo County, all of Santa Barbara County except the Carrizo Plain eastward, all of Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Imperial counties, the eastern slopes of Inyo County, the eastern slopes of Mono County to the Conway Summit above Mono Lake, and the southern slopes of the Tehachapi Mountains in Kern County. In the event of future modifications to District boundaries, this permit would also apply in any areas so revised.

**Project Description:** The Los Angeles District (District) of the US Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to re-issue its Regional General Permit (RGP) 63 for emergency actions to provide an expedited response to public agencies and private parties for necessary emergency repair and protection measures in waters of the United States, including wetlands, where there is a sudden, unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent threat to life or property (such as those situations that could potentially result in an unacceptable hazard to life or a significant loss of property if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken immediately) demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services.

State Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Darren Bradford at (916) 341-5558, or at [dbradford@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dbradford@waterboards.ca.gov), or Bill Orme at (916) 341-5464, or at <mailto:borme@waterboards.ca.gov> within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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**Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.**